



Media Advisory

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City of Saint John officials, in coordination with Saint John EMO, are advising residents of Saint John that the Saint John River has crested and waters are beginning to recede. Water does remain on some City streets and in homes, and Saint John EMO is continuing to concentrate on the health and safety of all residents as they return to their homes to assess any damages.

The City of Saint John is offering a damaged materials pick-up program for those whose homes have been damaged by flooding. You must register by calling 674-4253.

Several roads remain closed in the Saint John area. As waters begin to recede, and Saint John Works is able to complete an engineering assessment of the affected roadways, roads will begin to open. Temporary signage has been erected in affected areas.

- Ragged Point Road - Intermittently open due to tidal changes
- Westfield Road at #1338 - open to traffic, water on one lane
- Westfield Road at South Bay Bridge - remains closed
- Bridge Street - remains closed at dead end
- Dominion Park Road - remains closed
- Lawrence Long Road - remains closed
- Farry Cove Road - remains closed
- Beach Road - remains closed
- Millidge Avenue - dead end by RKYC remains closed
- Kennedy Street is being closely monitored - no access to the Power Boat Club
- By-Road #7 - remains closed at dead end

The Reception Centre at the Millidgeville Community centre was closed Tuesday, May 6th, and the Reception Centre at the Dennis Morris Community Centre, 330 Greenhead Road will close May 7, 2008 at 9:00 pm. The Reception Centre at the KBM, 2452 Westfield Road, remains open. As these Reception Centres are closing, Saint John EMO, along with the Canadian Red Cross and Saint John Energy are visiting homes in the affected areas to advise residents of the closures and to provide further recovery information.

Saint John Water reports that the municipal water supply, which comes from lakes, has not been affected nor are any issues anticipated. For any sewer related issues, please contact 658-4455.



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The Provincial Department of Health recommends that private water supplies (wells) affected by flooding should not be used until they have been disinfected and tested. Until tests indicate a safe water supply, water for drinking and personal use should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute and then stored in clean covered containers. Communicate with your local Public Health Office at 658-2558 for information on how to proceed to have your water tested. For more information please visit www.gnb.ca/public/english/2008-0070e.htm.

To be eligible for any financial assistance associated with flooding, residents must register at the KBM or through the Canadian Red Cross at 1-888-893-1300. Once they are registered with the Red Cross, residents can call 1-888-298-8555 to report damages sustained during flooding. For more details on the program, please visit <http://www.gnb.ca/public/flood-e.asp>.

For safety reasons, and out of respect for affected residents, those not living in the affected areas are urged to please stay away from any affected areas. Residents are also advised to stay away and keep children away from the rising waters and to stay off the water.

For any non-emergency concerns, please call 648-3333.

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New Police and Justice Facilitate to revitalize Saint John's Uptown Core

Initial concepts include public space featuring works of art, and enhanced Arts Centre

Saint John, New Brunswick – The City of Saint John will have a new Police Facility by 2010 or before. The Facility will be part of a Police development that will include further development opportunities and reinvigorate the City's Uptown area.

The new facility has the potential to encompass public space, new parking facilities, commercial development and a revitalized Arts Centre. The project will be shaped in coming months through community consultations.

"The City has a vision for this project that goes beyond simple bricks and mortar. This project is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the City to reinvigorate the Uptown core," says Mayor Norm McFarlane.

"We've known for years that a new Police facility was urgently needed. Once we had completed our needs assessment, and initial community consultations the message was clear: the Uptown area was the ideal location for this development," says Chair of the Saint John Police Commission, Andrew Britton.

Preliminary plans for the facility were unveiled by City Planning and Development Commissioner Jim Baird on Friday morning in the City's Red Room. A group of community stakeholders were present to learn more about the facility.

"These concepts are very preliminary. In the coming months we will engage in public consultation, and be in a better position to talk to these designs. For now, we wanted to share with the citizens of Saint John an idea of the scope and the potential for this project," says Baird.

"In the coming months we will be sharing these concepts with the public in a series of community consultations that will ensure that this development reflects the vision of the citizens of Saint John," says Baird.

As early as 1985, current police facilities were considered to be inadequate for current needs. In 2004, the newly elected Council named the need for new police facilities as its number two priority (the first priority was Harbour Clean-up).

The council toured a number of potential locations for this development, and in 2005, the Deputy Police Chief and City Manager met with the Board of Trade, Enterprise Saint John and Uptown Saint John to brief them on the project.

"The message at that meeting was very clear," says Saint John Police Chief Al Bodechon. "The group wanted an Uptown location, and something that was more than 'just' a police station. They wanted something that would have an opportunity for private sector investment and that would preserve the City's green space. We're pleased that this development reflects those community priorities."

